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SUBJECT: SPANISH PRESS REPORTS US/GOS GIFA "PRACTICALLY FINISHED"

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1. SPANISH PRESS NOVEMBER 9 CITES "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES"
TO EFFECT US-SPANISH GIFA "PRACTICALLY FINISHED," WITH ONLY
"ONE FINAL CONSIDERATION" REMAINING. SOURCES REPORTEDLY
SAID GIFA COULD HAVE BEEN SIGNED DURING LAST WEEK'S
MADRID MEETINGS EXCEPT FOR SPANISH INSISTENCE ON "THE
NECESSITY THAT GUARANTEES BE GRANTED TO OUR COUNTRY THAT
THE QUOTA IN U.S. WATERS WHICH BELONGS TO US (NOS CORRESPONDE)
CAN BE RECOVERED PERFECTLY, WITHOUT SPANISH INTERESTS
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BEING SUBJECTED TO THE ACTIONS OF ANOTHER TYPE OF REGIONAL

OR STATE ORGANIZATION OTH THAT NATION." THIS "FINAL POINT" WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN AT THE ICNAF MEETING IN TENERIFE, ACCORDING TO REPORT.

2. ARTICLE STATES THAT ABOUT SIXTY REFRIGERATOR VESSELS OF MEDIUM TONNAGE AND "SOME COD BOATS" FROM ATLANTIC PORTS OF ANDALUCIA, GALICIA AND CANTABRIA OPERATE IN ZONE AFFECTED BY U.S. LAW. RELATED ARTICLE ON EEC ACTION CLAIMS THAT FISHERMAN IN GALICIA, WHICH PRODUCE 35 PERCENT OF TOTAL SPANISH CATCH, HAVE STARTED SELLING BOATS OR MOVING TO OTHER REGIONS. LATTER INCLUDES 30 TO 40 BOATS WITH CONTRACTS TO FISH FROM CANARY ISLAND PORTS. ECONOMY OF LA CORUNA, WITH ANNUAL INCOME 3,600 MILLION PESETAS (ABOUT \$53 MILLION) FROM FISHING IN EEC AREA, SEVERLY AFFECTED BY RESTRICTIONS. OVERALL SOME 70,000 FISHING INDUSTRY WORKERS IN GALICIA AND NORTHERN SPAIN PRODUCE A REPORTED 10,000 MILLION PESETAS (ABOUT \$147 MILLION) ANNUALLY. ACCORDING SOURCE IN NATIONAL SYNDICATE OF FISHING SPAIN WILL BE FORCED SPEND 30-35,000 MILLION PESETAS (ABOUT \$515 MILLION) PER YEAR FOR FISH IMPORTS TO REPLACE TRADITIONAL CATCH, RAISING DEPENDENCE ON EEC FOR RAW MATERIALS BY ABOUT TEN PERCENT. SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THAT "FISH IS PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF PROTEIN SUPPLY FOR SPANISH, ESPECIALLY FOR MORE MODEST CLASSES THAT CANNOT OBTAIN PROTEIN DERIVED FROM MEAT."

3. FISHING AGREEMENT WITH MOROCCO REPORTED AS "JUST AROUND CORNER" SINCE LAST DIFFERENCES HAVE DISAPPEARED. HOWEVER, HUELVA FISHING FLEET OF SIXTY-TWO VESSELS TEMPORARILY AT ANCHOR IN PUNTA NEGRA (POPULAR REPUBLIC OF CONGO) AFTER ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES PROHIBITED FURTHER FISHING IN THAT COUNTRY'S WATERS. AT SAME TIME DIRECTOR GENERAL AFRICAN AFFAIRS OF SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN DENIED ENTRY TO ANGOLA TO ATTEMPT RESOLVE MATTER.

4. COMMENT: JUDGING BY PRESS ACCOUNT SPANISH OFFICIALS STILL INSISTENT ON "GUARANTEES" PROVISION OF GIFA AND UNCONVINCED THAT PUBLIC STATEMENT OF ANTIREGIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL POSITION WILL HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS. OPTIMISTIC TONE OF ARTICLE HINTS THAT THIS MINOR MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED AND AGREEMENT SIGNED AFTER TENERIFE MEETING. STABLER

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